

Whoo's Up While You're Asleep?

On Saturday, August 24, Rangers at New Melones Lake delighted adults and children alike with information on the creatures of the night and how important they are in the ecosystem.

The participants at the “Whoo's Up When You're Asleep” interpretive program also had the opportunity to make their very own owl masks, windmill snakes and buttons. And the attendees who were extra-brave were able to pet a live tarantula and view a large scorpion under a hand lens.



The campers then went on a hike around the campground to find various nocturnal creatures that call New Melones home.

Interpretive programs and events at New Melones Lake tie into President Barack Obama's *America's Great Outdoors* initiative (<http://americasgreatoutdoors.gov/>), which seeks to empower Americans to share in the responsibility to conserve, restore and provide better access to our lands and waters and leave a healthy, vibrant outdoor legacy for generations to come.

Ranger-led activities also support the Department of the Interior's *Let's Move Outside* initiative (<http://www.letsmove.gov/lets-move-outside>), which was created to encourage children and their families to enjoy outdoor activities, which abound in every city, town and community.

